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## Mountain Vista Fire District / Golder Ranch Fire District

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## FIRE DISTRICTS EXPLORE CONSOLIDATION

Tucson, AZ- The Golder Ranch and Mountain Vista Fire Districts have begun the process of working through a consolidation. Both of the fire district boards have met and unanimously voted to explore consolidation.

Mountain Vista Fire Chief Cheryl Horvath commented, "Our organizations have been working collaboratively for over a year in the areas of fleet services, technical support, training and fire prevention. Additionally, the districts are now responding under an automatic aid agreement which allows the closest most appropriate resources to respond to an emergency call, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries."

Golder Ranch Fire Chief Randy Karrer commented, "We are hopeful that as we move through this dynamic and time sensitive process, we will be successful in reaching each important commitment outlined in statute. Also, we are committed to providing information to our communities and allowing an informed dialogue to take place."

Transparent communication and education for the public is a primary focus throughout this process. The public is encouraged to attend public meetings in order to learn more about this process. The following meetings are open to the public:

- Public Meeting, June 8, 2017 at 6:00 PM, Mountain Vista Fire District administrative office, 1175 W. Magee Road
- •Public Meeting, June 15, 2017 at 6:00 PM, Golder Ranch Fire District administrative office, 3885 E. Golder Ranch Drive
- •Public Hearing, July 17, 2017 at 9:00 AM, Golder Ranch Fire District administrative office, 3885 E. Golder Ranch Drive
- Public Hearing, July 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM, Mountain Vista Fire District administrative office, 1175 W. Magee Road

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The number one goal of this effort is to provide exceptional service, seamlessly, to our communities and to explore opportunities for economies of scale. The public can visit each of the fire district websites to find up to date information regarding this consolidation.

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